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TO AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

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FROM RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: EMBASSY SECURITY

REF: VICTORIA 204

1. RECOMMEND THAT FOR ALL DOORS BEING SECURED FROM INSIDE EMERGENCY KEY BE SECURED IN GLASS FACED RED BOX EQUIPPED WITH SMALL HAMMER ON WALL NOT LESS THAN TEN FEET FROM DOOR, GLASS TO BE BROKEN IN EMERGENCY TO OBTAIN KEY.

2. AGREE WITH PARA 3 REFTL THAT IT IS BETTER TO NOT ASK AND TO NOT ADVISE INSPECTOR UNTIL HE ASKS.

3. AT OTHER EMBASSIES WHERE WE OCCUPY ONE OR MORE FLOORS OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING, RSO EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT LOCAL FIRE AUTHORITIES HAVE ACCEPTED ARRANGEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE WHEN NO OTHER OCCUPANTS ARE LOCATED ABOVE EMBASSY. HOWEVER, RSO RECALLS ONE INSTANCE IN WHICH AUTHORITIES CLAIMED THEY HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF LOCAL CITIZENS WHO MIGHT BE VISITING THE EMBASSY EVEN IF THE EMBASSY ACCEPTED FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN STAFF.

4. DESPITE THIS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN WAY TO OUR NEEDS IN ALL INSTANCES KNOWN TO RSO. IN FINAL ANALYSIS, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FROM SECURITY VIEW-

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POINT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PROTECT AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED

ACCESS INTO CHANCERY BY BOTH FORCED AND SURREPTITIOUS
MEANS. THEREFORE, UNLESS DEPT ADVISES DIFFERENTLY, RSO
WOULD RECOMMEND, AS A LAST RESORT, MAINTAINING IMMUNITY
OF EMBASSY TO ESTABLISH INTERNALLY SUCH CONTROLS AS
NECESSARY TO INSURE OUR SECURITY EVEN IF NOT WITHIN THE
LETTER OF LOCAL FIRE CODE.

EXEMPT.
MARSHALL

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